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Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights

Report of the Secretary-General

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Introduction

1. In its resolution 1992/38 of 28 February 1992, entitled "Development of public information activities in the field of human rights, including the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights", the Commission on Human Rights, reaffirming that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights were essential to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations set out in the Charter and that carefully designed programmes of teaching, education and information were essential to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, affirmed that a World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was a valuable complement to the activities of the United Nations aimed at the further promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.

2. The World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was launched by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/128 of 8 December 1988, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, with the objective of increasing understanding and awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms and educating the public on the international human rights machinery and the efforts of the United Nations to promote and protect human rights.

3. In keeping with these objectives, the United Nations is developing its information and education programme, since information leading to awareness and knowledge of basic rights and freedoms represents an essential element towards the universal implementation of the standards already set in the field of human rights. The five main areas of activity of the World Campaign are: preparation and dissemination of printed information materials; workshops, seminars and training courses; fellowships and internships; special human rights observances; promotion activities.

4. In resolution 1992/38, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its forty-ninth session, a report on public information activities with special emphasis on the activities of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights, including details of the costs incurred in 1992 and the budget envisaged for future activities, as well as further assessment of the impact of the World Campaign activities undertaken by the United Nations in the field of human rights. The present report is submitted in accordance with that request.

I. CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Publications programme

5. The elaboration of printed material on human rights is one of the main aspects of the information programme of the Centre for Human Rights. This material is distributed to national and regional human rights institutions, academic and research institutions, the media, non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals.

6. The Centre is undertaking a thorough and comprehensive revision of its information programme. This aims at both reviewing and renewing the overall information strategy of the Centre, as to its policy, goals, target audience

and methods of work. As part of this effort, a Working Group on Information has been established within the External Relations and Information Section of the Centre. The Working Group advises on the editorial policies for the various human rights publications; setting of priorities; choice of topics to be addressed in the Centre's information material; selection of authors; selection of material to be published; creation of new series and revision or discontinuing of existing ones; and finally, questions related to the distribution of the Centre's publications.

7. The primary task of the Working Group at this early stage is to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the principal publications of the Centre, such as the Fact Sheets, the Bulletin of Human Rights, Human Rights Newsletter, the Study Series. Each publication is being analysed against criteria of utility, consistency with its original objective, efficiency in its production, suitability of its present format. It is expected that this evaluation will result in a carefully formulated editorial policy for each series or category of publications. A critical analysis of the methods by which the Centre's information materials are produced is being undertaken simultaneously and changes in this area may also be expected.

8. Other issues on the agenda of the Working Group include: the strengthening and implementation of the new approach adopted by the Centre on the production of teaching materials, in particular manuals; a reassessment of the translation programme of the Centre, aiming at defining a more efficient and more precisely targeted strategy in this field; the improvement of the methods currently adopted for the dissemination of information on human rights, in terms of efficiency, promptness and correspondence to the needs and expectations of the public.

9. The possibility of establishing a library within the Centre is also being addressed by the Working Group. This issue has been raised in several fora, most recently at the Fourth Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Human Rights Treaty Bodies, held in Geneva in October 1992. There exists general agreement that an internal library containing a comprehensive collection of text books and publications on human rights, as well as United Nations documents, would greatly facilitate the work of the Centre's staff members as well as that of the members of the various human rights treaty bodies.

10. The Working Group is also studying ways in which cooperation between the Centre and other United Nations bodies and agencies whose mandates involve, to a different extent, human rights topics could be enhanced. The most evident example is the Division for the Advancement of Women in Vienna, in cooperation with which the Centre is already preparing several publications on various aspects of the human rights of women.

1. Information material

FACT SHEETS

11. The Fact Sheet series consists of booklets directed at a non-specialized audience, dealing with different aspects of the United Nations activity in the field of human rights, including the international mechanisms for the

protection of human rights, or with specific human rights topics. Fact Sheets are translated into the six official United Nations languages and distributed worldwide free of charge. Owing to the increased demand, several Fact Sheets have been reprinted. Since the last report of the Secretary-General to the Commission, Fact Sheets 17 and 18 have been issued:

Fact Sheet No.17 The Committee against Torture

Fact Sheet No.18 Minority Rights

12. Fact Sheets on refugees and human rights and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights are being printed. Fact Sheets on migrant workers, religious intolerance, human rights and women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, human rights and the police are under preparation. Several Fact Sheets printed since the beginning of the World Campaign are being revised or updated. The complete list of Fact Sheets is contained in the annex.

BULLETIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS

13. The Bulletin of Human Rights, issued in English and French, contains articles on human rights topics by leading government and academic experts. The Centre's Working Group on Information is examining a proposal aimed at revising this publication as to purpose, content, method of production and management in order to overcome some problems encountered in the past and to improve its overall quality.

14. Since the last report to the Commission, three issues of the Bulletin have been published. The first, on special procedures and the role of non-governmental organizations contains contributions on: the role and functions of the Special Rapporteur on religious intolerance (A.V. d'Almeida Ribeiro); the law and its effective implementation in the protection of human rights with reference to the situation in Peru (E. Bernales Ballesteros, Special Rapporteur on the question of mercenaries); "the silent revolution" in human rights protection (F. Volio Jiménez, former Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Chile); the problem of disappearances (T. van Dongen, member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involun ary Disappearances); non-governmental organizations and the human rights movement in Latin America (D. García Sayán, Executive Director of the Andean Commission of Jurists; the role of NGOs in human rights standard-setting (N. MacDermot, former Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists); the role of NGOs in the promotion and protection of human rights (C.M. Eya Nchama, Professor at the Institute for Development Studies, Geneva); the work of NGOs in the worldwide promotion and protection of human rights (N.S. Rodley, Professor in Law, University of Essex); teaching human rights in Sri Lanka (E. A.G. De Silva, Vice-President, Sri Lanka Foundation).

15. The second, on humanitarian and refugee law, includes articles on: human rights and international humanitarian law (J. Patrnogic, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo; H. Gros Espiell, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; F.J. Hampson, Lecturer in Law, University of

Essex and C. Sommaruga, Secretary-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross); human rights accorded by international humanitarian law (B. Jakovljević, Special Adviser for International Relations of the Red Cross of Yugoslavia); the protection of the human person under human rights law and humanitarian law (T. Meron, Professor of Law, New York University School of Law); refugees and human rights (G.J.L. Coles, former UNHCR Senior Legal Research Officer); a critical assessment of the human rights and refugee linkage (P. Nobel, Swedish Ombudsman against Ethnic Discrimination); the rights of refugees under international law (I. Khokhlov, Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations); fear of persecution and the law of human rights (J. Hathaway, Associate Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University of Toronto).

16. The third, on the rights of the child, contains several articles on the legal framework of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (P. Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; A. Lopatka, President, Supreme Court of Poland); the role of UNICEF in promoting the implementation of the Convention in States parties (D. O'Donnell, former jurist at Defence for Children International); the importance of international cooperation in the elaboration and implementation of the Convention (F.Z. Ksentini, member of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities; V. Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children; M. Santos Pais, Adviser, Department of Documentation and Comparative Law, Ministry of Justice of Portugal and member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child) and non-governmental organizations and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (N. Cantwell, Director of Programmes, Defence for Children International).

Newsletter

17. The Human Rights Newsletter, begun in 1988, appears quarterly in English and French. It contains, inter alia, articles on the activities of the United Nations bodies dealing with human rights including the Centre for Human Rights; interviews with experts in the field of human rights; information on training courses, seminars, workshops and other meetings organized by the United Nations; and information on the activities of non-governmental organizations dealing with human rights. A recurrent column on the World Conference on Human Rights and on the International Year for the World's Indigenous People appears in the most recent issues. Since the submission of the last report to the Commission, two issues of the Newsletter have been published.

Study series

18. The Human Rights Study Series reproduces studies and reports prepared by Special Rapporteurs on important human rights issues which have been mandated by various human rights bodies, such as the Commission on Human Rights or the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Five issues have been published so far in the series (see annex), each of which is available in the six official United Nations languages. A study on human rights and disability is being printed.

Ad Hoc publications

19. Since the issue of the last report of the Secretary-General to the Commission, two new ad hoc publications have been issued:

(a) Workshop on international human rights instruments and reporting obligations: preparation of reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Moscow, 26-30 August 1991) (English);

(b) African seminar on international human rights standards and the administration of justice (Cairo, 8-12 July 1991) (English)

The series of ad hoc publications now contains 15 issues (annex).

20. The report of the European Conference on International Human Rights Standards (Barcelona, 13-17 January 1992) and of the training course on human rights information handling and technology (Geneva, October-November 1991) are in the process of being printed. A publication collecting the papers presented by the experts to the Seminar on international human rights standards and constitutional law for specialists from South Africa, held in Geneva from 17 to 20 June 1991, is under preparation. The legislative history (travaux préparatoires) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is also being prepared for publication in collaboration with Rädda Barnen International, a Swedish non-governmental organization.

21. A new version of the booklet Human Rights: Questions and Answers is also under preparation.

Teaching materials

22. The Centre is devoting considerable efforts to the elaboration of teaching materials at all levels, in keeping with the directives of the Commission on Human Rights. ABC Teaching of Human Rights, issued in 1989 and available in all six official languages, is being reprinted in order to respond to an increasing number of requests from teachers' organizations, educational institutions, and international organizations. Translations of the booklet into non-official United Nations languages have been made by non-governmental organizations active in the field of education.

23. The Centre is presently focusing, in particular, on the elaboration of teaching manuals on human rights for different target groups and/or on specific human rights subjects, which will form a new series of publications. Teaching and Learning about Human Rights - A Manual for Schools of Social Work and the Social Work Profession was developed by the Centre in cooperation with the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work. Four more manuals are being developed on: human rights for law enforcement officials; national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights; human rights in the administration of justice; human rights teaching at university level, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Meetings of experts to facilitate the preparation of the manuals are scheduled to take place in 1993.

24. The manuals will be intended to provide valuable practical support to the training activities which are a principal aspect of the United Nations human rights programme. In this regard, the Centre is developing a new approach, which is being further defined in the context of the Working Group on Information. It aims at including in the manuals practical recommendations for effective pedagogical techniques. In this way, the impact of the Centre's training exercises can be enhanced, and their efficiency maximized. The production of such materials will obviate the need for the repeated ad hoc preparation of course materials, while at the same time facilitating an approached designed to "train the trainers", thus allowing for the broadest possible dissemination of the principles to be taught, with the minimum necessary resource expenditure.

25. Other features of the manuals, as intended in the new approach, will be the following. The manuals will be directly targeted and appropriately addressed to the needs of the concerned audience and flexible enough to be adaptable to the particular cultural, educational, regional and experiential needs and realities of a diverse range of potential audiences within the target group. They will not be limited to providing for theoretical information on human rights standards but also contain practical information on proven techniques for the performance of the target audience's duties. They will include pre- and post-training evaluative tools.

26. A standardized method of work for the production of teaching manuals has been developed by the Centre. It includes: identification of target audiences or special needs of the public, consultation of international experts, organization of working meetings, close cooperation with other United Nations bodies having a particular expertise on the topic covered by the manual (for example, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch for the manual on human rights in the administration of justice), or the audience addressed by the manual (for example, the World Health Organization for health care workers). In addition to the teaching manuals, the Centre is preparing a handbook on the human right to take part in government through periodic and genuine elections in connection with the Centre's advisory services relating to elections.

Translations

27. The Centre for Human Rights, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information (DPI), has been coordinating the translation and authentification of regional and local language versions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As mentioned above, the Working Group on Information is now in the process of reviewing the translations project with a view to increasing both the range of instruments translated and the number of language versions produced. To this end it is formulating a strategy in relation to the three instruments composing the International Bill of Human Rights, aimed at identifying the language versions which presently exist and those which remain to be produced. Non-governmental organizations are a valuable resource in this respect and their cooperation is being actively sought. The Centre will be working closely with DPI in an effort to ensure the widespread and effective dissemination of these translated instruments.

2. Reference material

28. The reference publications of the Centre for Human Rights are addressed to a more specialized audience. They are also sales publications, and are as follows:

(a) United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights: this publication, which appears every five years, is the standard United Nations reference work in the field of human rights. The last issue, covering the period from 1945 to 1988, is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish. As requested by the General Assembly, this publication is being updated and is scheduled to be published prior to the World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993;

(b) Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments contains the basic international instruments in the field of human rights. An updated version is being prepared and, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/116 on the World Conference, will also contain the major human rights instruments of regional organizations;

(c) Human Rights: Status of International Instruments contains detailed information including ratifications, reservations, objections and declarations in relation to the human rights instruments contained in the Compilation. An updated version of the Status of International Instruments is being prepared and is scheduled to be released in conjunction with the updated Compilation. A chart of ratifications appears every six months. The most recent was released in December 1992;

(d) The Yearbook on Human Rights contains information on international developments in the field of human rights including activities undertaken by the United Nations and its specialized agencies as well as the activities of the various human rights bodies. The Yearbook also surveys national developments in the field of human rights and includes information on Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories. The volumes concerning 1980 to 1987 are currently available in English. The volume for 1988 is being printed. The volumes for 1989 and 1990 are being finalized;

(e) Official Records of the Human Rights Committee (formerly United Nations Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee). The 1981-1982 edition of the Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee is available in English and French. The 1983-1984 edition is being issued in English, and the French version is in preparation. The 1985-1986 and 1987-1988 editions are in the process of being printed;

(f) Human Rights Committee - Selected Decisions under the Optional Protocol: volume 1 - 1977/1982 (second to sixteenth session) is available in English, French and Spanish. Volume 2 -1982/1988 (seventeenth to thirty-second sessions) is available in English; the Spanish version is being printed. The Arabic, Chinese, French and Russian versions are in preparation.

B. Training courses, seminars, workshops

29. In its resolution 1992/38, the Commission on Human Rights noted the special value, under the advisory services and technical assistance programme, of regional and national training courses and workshops in promoting practical education and awareness in the field of human rights, including the aims and objectives of the World Conference on Human Rights. In the course of 1992, the Centre organized several of these meetings. The complete list is included in the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights on advisory services in the field of human rights (E/CN.4/1993/61).

C. Cooperation in the organization and participation in training courses, workshops and other activities

30. For 1992, the Centre for Human Rights participated in more than 100 conferences, workshops, seminars, training courses and other meetings organized all over the world by intergovernmental and regional organizations, Governments, academic and research institutions and non-governmental organizations. Participation in these events has provided the opportunity to disseminate information on human rights issues and to explain the purposes of the World Public Information Campaign.

D. Fellowships and internships

31. The number of applications for the fellowship programme continues to increase. For the 1992 programme, the Secretary-General received 116 candidatures from 62 Governments. Fifty-five were selected, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, with priority being given, inter alia, to applicants from the developing countries, and to allocating a fair share of the fellowships to women (of the 55 candidates selected, 21 were women). For the first time in 1992, the Centre established cooperation with the United Nations Crime Prevention and Administration of Justice Branch in Vienna, where two participants spent a week.

32. In the course of 1992, 106 internships were offered to advanced university students to gain first-hand knowledge of United Nations action and procedures in the field of human rights through active participation in the work of the Centre for Human Rights, under the direct supervision of professional staff of the Centre. Internships do not entail financial commitments of any kind by the Centre for Human Rights or the United Nations.

II. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

33. In paragraph 10 of resolution 1992/38, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Centre for Human Rights to coordinate the relevant activities of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights within the United Nations system, and to maintain liaison with Governments, regional and national institutions and individual concerned in the development and implementation of those activities. In paragraph 14, it emphasized the need for the United Nations to harmonize its public information activities in the field of human rights with those of other organizations, such as the

International Committee of the Red Cross, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in their respective fields of competence.

34. As part of its ongoing efforts to coordinate its activities with those of other United Nations bodies and in keeping with the above-mentioned resolution, the Centre for Human Rights convenes each year in Geneva an inter-agency meeting on human rights issues. These meetings allow participants to review joint projects and to exchange information on a number of ongoing activities in the field of human rights carried out by the respective organizations. They also provide an opportunity for further forms of cooperation to be identified between the Centre for Human Rights and the organizations represented. Information, documentation and education in the field of human rights is one of the items on the agenda of these meetings.

35. The fourth inter-agency meeting was held in Geneva on 25 June 1992. The Centre for Human Rights presented a working paper containing proposals and suggestions for enhancing inter-agency cooperation in the context of the World Campaign. The paper identified some specific "project areas" where cooperation between the agencies represented at the meeting could usefully be strengthened and improved. Translation of international human rights instruments; organization of training courses, seminars and workshops; preparation of training manuals and of teaching materials for primary and secondary schools; publications and the human rights of women are all fields in which inter-agency cooperation could and should be strengthened through more systematic collaboration. The paper proposed a number of methods designed to facilitate such cooperation. The convening of regular meetings of information officers of the various organizations is, for instance, one logical way of ensuring the periodic exchange of information on respective programmes and the identification of areas of possible future cooperation. The concept of shared staffing was also mooted as another means by which sustained inter-agency contact could be maintained. The following information relates to this coordination.

Department of Public Information

36. The Department of Public Information (DPI) participated in the inter-agency meeting. Details of the activity of the Department in the field of human rights are contained in the addendum to the present report.

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch

37. The Centre for Human Rights participated in all preparatory meetings for the establishment of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, including the first session of the Commission held in Vienna in April 1992.

Division for the Advancement of Women

38. The working paper presented by the Centre to the 1992 meeting contained a number of specific proposals for strengthening cooperation between and coordinating the activities of the Centre and other parts of the United Nations system dealing with women's issues. The representative of the Division for the Advancement of Women welcomed a proposal of the Centre which

concerned the joint production of a Fact Sheet on women and human rights. Other possibilities of joint ventures in the field of publications could also be explored. The Division's activities in the field of women and human rights were summarized briefly. It was suggested that a further area of useful cooperation with the Centre could be in the translation, into non-official languages, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Division has already produced some versions, but the cooperation of the Centre to expand its translations programme would be warmly welcomed.

United Nations Interregional Crime Research Institute (UNICRI)

39. A principle activity of UNICRI is the organization of training courses, which are directed to different target groups both directly and indirectly involved in criminality and the administration of justice. At the inter-agency meeting, UNICRI pointed out that human rights issues were a standard feature of its working programme and called for cooperation with other agencies in the preparation of its training courses.

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

40. The Centre for Human Rights has actively cooperated with UNICEF in developing and disseminating materials to promote the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which entered into force on 2 September 1990. UNICEF stressed the importance of education for children and pointed out that a growing number of requests from Member States concerned changes in their legislation in the field of children's rights.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

41. UNCTAD expressed interest in collaborating with the Centre in a number of areas. It suggested that information activities on human rights be expanded and targeted not only to specialized groups, but also to the general public. This could be done through a greater use of mass media, such as radio, television and newspapers.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

42. UNDP stressed the importance that human rights issues play in the process of development. In particular, it made reference to the second UNDP Human Development Report published in New York, in which human rights matters are explicitly taken into consideration and a "Human Freedom Index" is provided. With reference to the action of the Centre for Human Rights in national and regional human rights institution-building, UNDP offered its cooperation through its resident representatives in the field. The cooperation between UNDP and the Centre for Human Rights was considered useful during and after the pre-project phase in order to benefit from appropriate local logistic reference before the actual project implementation start. It was suggested that this proposal be renewed in further bilateral meetings between staff members of the two organizations.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

43. UNFPA stressed the need to establish a solid connection between the agencies which had field structures and the institutions which had implementation responsibilities. This would enable the different organizations to take into consideration, in developing their information programmes, the special needs of field-based offices. This could involve, for example, the translation, into non-official languages, of those conventions which were related to the field-work of UNFPA officials and to make them available in the countries concerned.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

44. Cooperation between the Centre for Human Rights and UNHCR is based on the common aim of the two organizations. UNHCR pointed out that cooperation between the agencies attending the meeting could be strengthened in the organization of training courses, which were very often directed at the same kind of audience. UNHCR is at present developing various training models on, inter alia, repatriation and refugee women, which could benefit from the expertise of other agencies; the Refugee Documentation Centre could also assist other agencies with technical inputs.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

45. The activity of UNESCO in the field of human rights education, training and information tends to the creation of a human rights network for education. Every second year, UNESCO sponsors the Prize for Teaching Human Rights. UNESCO mentioned the joint project currently being carried out in cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights, consisting in the elaboration of a human rights teaching manual to be adapted to the different cultural, political and institutional realities. Reference was made to the UNESCO Directory of Human Rights Institutes and to different bibliographic works which UNESCO has undertaken in cooperation with other United Nations agencies including the Centre. UNESCO also drew attention to its work in the translation of international human rights instruments into local languages. Special efforts are at present being devoted to the translation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

World Health Organization (WHO)

46. Coordination between WHO and the Centre for Human Rights has been fruitful in the past, particularly in relation to the organization and conduct of seminars. WHO responded to the working paper presented by the Centre by informing the meeting that an internal group would be convened to consider the proposals contained therein. It also suggested that information on human rights issues could usefully be included in its programmes of medical education. Other areas of cooperation could also be found in its programme of health promotion.

Organization of African Unity

47. The Centre for Human Rights cooperates with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights of the Organization of African Unity in a number of

training and information activities. It was also represented at the eleventh session of the Commission.

Organization of American States

48. The Centre for Human Rights has continued its cooperation with the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Members of the Inter-American Commission participated in a number of training programmes organized by the Centre. Information on the activity of the Human Rights Committee and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is regularly exchanged in order to avoid duplication of cases.

Council of Europe

49. The Centre for Human Rights participated in the international colloquium on democracy and legal protection of human rights (Lisbon), organized by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Government of Portugal. It also participated in the Conference on regional systems of human rights protection in Africa, America and Europe, held in Strasbourg in June 1992.

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

50. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) also participated in the inter-agency meeting of 25 June 1992. The ICRC representative expressed great interest in strengthening cooperation between both organizations in order to develop the links between substantive elements of humanitarian law and human rights law. Great emphasis was given to the active involvement of ICRC in the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights.

Non-governmental organizations

51. Non-governmental organizations continue to cooperate actively with the United Nations bodies dealing with human rights, providing them with information and expertise. Non-governmental organizations also effectively contribute to the implementation of the World Campaign's activities, especially in the areas of information, education and dissemination of United Nations materials and publications. They also cooperate with the Centre for Human Rights in the organizations of training activities in several countries in which the Centre is implementing technical assistance programmes. Reference to the valuable action of non-governmental organizations is also made in paragraph 12 of resolution 1992/38, in which the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretariat to take advantage as much as possible, in the implementation of the World Campaign, of the collaboration of non-governmental organizations, including the dissemination of human rights materials.

52. In connection with the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights, special briefings for representatives of non-governmental organizations were given by staff members of the Centre. Briefings on the World Conference on Human Rights for the NGO community are regularly held both in Geneva and New York.

Human rights academic and research institutions

53. The Centre regularly cooperates with the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg, in the organization of the Institute's annual teaching session on the major human rights protection systems. In 1992 it provided the Institute with three staff members to give lectures in English, French and Spanish for a one-week period. United Nations fellows on human rights regularly spend two weeks at the Institute in order to deepen their knowledge of regional human rights protection systems.

54. The Centre and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo continued their cooperation. A training course on international human rights standards and the administration of justice for officials of African-English speaking countries was organized in San Remo from 9 to 13 March 1992 by the Centre in cooperation with UNICRI, the Italian Government and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. It followed the organization of a similar seminar for officials from African French-speaking countries, last year. A representative of the Centre participated in the round table on the evolution of the right to assistance, held in September 1992.

55. The Centre actively cooperated with the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, at Siracusa. Representatives of the Centre attended the ISISC Seminar on the protection of human rights in criminal justice proceedings for African Jurists in July 1992 and the World Conference on the establishment of an international criminal court, in December 1992.

56. The Centre continued its cooperation with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund. It participated in the seminar on academic freedom organized in the context of the preparatory process of the World Conference on Human Rights in March 1992. The Centre also organized, in cooperation with the Institute, a seminar on free and fair elections and human rights in a democratic society, which was held in Luanda in August 1992.

57. Cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights, at Tunis, continued throughout 1992. The Centre is member of the Institute's Executive Board and it participated in its annual session. The Centre regularly provides the Institute with documentation about the activity of United Nations human rights bodies.

58. The Centre participated in the third seminar on the efficiency of international instruments in human rights and humanitarian law organized in Colombia by the Andean Commission of Jurists and in the third course on the international protection of human rights in Lima.

59. The Centre also actively supports the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, located at Banjul. Throughout 1992, the Centre for Human Rights continued its efforts to increase cooperation with other organizations dealing with human rights, such as international and regional organizations, academic and research institutions, non-governmental organizations and the media.

III. BRIEFINGS, EXHIBITS AND HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCES

60. The Centre organizes briefings on United Nations activities in the field of human rights and on specific human rights issues for students, diplomats, journalists, public officials, professors and non-governmental organizations. Particular interest has been shown in the course of 1992 in the World Conference on Human Rights and International Year for the World's Indigenous People. The Centre also provides lecturers for the briefings organized by the Department of Public Information.

61. A number of exhibitions were sponsored by the Centre for Human Rights in 1992, especially in connection with human rights events such as meetings of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities or other human rights bodies.

62. Official commemorations were organized by the Department of Public Information and the Centre for Human Rights in New York and at Geneva as well as at United Nations centres and information services throughout the world. A celebration of Human Rights Day took place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 10 December 1992. The programme of the celebration included the message of the Secretary-General on video; a round table on the theme "Human Rights in 1993: New Frontiers" and the projection of two films on human rights and indigenous people.

IV. NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

63. The General Assembly, in paragraph 12 of its resolution 43/128, urged all Member States that had not yet done so to designate national focal points that could be supplied with copies of relevant human rights material and that might also serve as points of liaison with the United Nations in the development and implementation of the World Campaign. As of 31 December 1992, 24 Governments had designated focal points.

V. BUDGET

64. The budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the publication of information and reference materials was US$ 326,800. The allotment for 1992 was $227,400. The balance will be used in 1993 to cover expenditures for the production of, inter alia, the various publications referred to above.

65. The publications programme of the Centre for Human Rights is continuously expanding to respond to the increasing needs in the field of human rights information. An obvious example of this is the production of five manuals on human rights planned for 1993-1994, which has been recently added to the programme. In view of this situation, the question of the allocation of adequate resources to the publications programme of the Centre needs to be addressed.

VI. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE WORLD PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

66. The aim of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights is to increase understanding and awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms through the dissemination of information. The activities carried out to date by the United Nations in the framework of the World Campaign have been directed towards stimulating public interest in and awareness of human rights issues. Increased participation by the international community in United Nations human rights programmes and greater interest of the wider public in questions related to human rights are two indicators by which the impact of the World Campaign may, at this early stage, be measured.

67. A significant increase in the rate at which human rights treaties are being ratified has been observed over the past several years. A similar upward trend has occurred in the rate at which United Nations human rights machinery is being utilized and there is growing interest in the various mechanisms available to individuals for protection of their rights at the international level.

68. The Centre is responding to an increasing number of requests for human rights information and documentation from non-governmental organizations, academic and research institutions, schools, national and regional human rights centres and concerned individuals. A substantial mailing list has been developed to facilitate the distribution of publications to these groups. Greater interest in human rights and in activities of the United Nations in this regard may also be adduced from the increase in the number of requests for briefings received by the Centre from universities, high schools, journalists, non-governmental organizations, diplomats and public officials. Human rights issues are becoming key topics in international fora and the Centre is commonly asked to contribute expertise.

69. It is evident from the above information that interest in, and knowledge of human rights issues are increasing significantly. While fully expecting this trend to continue and perhaps even to accelerate, the Centre remains conscious of the constraints within which its information programme operates. There is considerable scope in the publications programme for expansion in terms of both range and print-runs. The present budget will, at best, only maintain the programme at its current stage of development. Together with chronic staffing shortages, this lack of funds hampers the Centre's efforts to take full advantage of the opportunity presented by the widespread upsurge in public interest in human rights.

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS OF DECEMBER 1992

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Fact Sheet No. 16	The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Fact Sheet No. 17	The Committee against Torture
Fact Sheet No. 18	Minority Rights

BULLETIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Special issue on the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1988)

Implementation of international human rights instruments (89/1)

Special procedures - The role of non-governmental organizations (90/1)

Human rights and humanitarian law - Human rights and refugee law (91/1)

The rights of the child (91/2)

AD HOC PUBLICATIONS

European workshop on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: past - present - future: Proceedings, (Milan, Italy, 7-9 September 1988) HR/PUB/89/1

The administration of justice and human rights for East European countries: Report of a United Nations Training Course, (Moscow, 21-25 November 1988) HR/PUB/89/2

The teaching of human rights: Report of an international seminar, (Geneva, 5-9 December 1988) HR/PUB/89/3

The effects of racism and racial discrimination on the social and economic relations between indigenous peoples and States: Report of a seminar (Geneva, 16-20 January 1989) HR/PUB/89/5

Application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights under the Optional Protocol by the Human Rights Committee (no symbol)

The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights HR/PUB/90/1

Report of an international consultation on AIDS and human rights (Geneva, 26-28 July 1989) HR/PUB/90/2

United Nations training course on international norms and standards in the field of human rights; proceedings (Moscow, 27 November-1 December 1989) HR/PUB/90/6

Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination: Global compilation of national legislation against racial discrimination HR/PUB/1990/8

The realization of the rights to development: Global consultation on the right to development as a human right (Geneva, 8-12 January 1990) HR/PUB/91/2

Political, historical, economic, social and cultural factors contributing to racism, racial discrimination and apartheid: Report of a seminar (10-14 December 1990) HR/PUB/91/3

Manual on human rights reporting HR/PUB/91/1

The first twenty years - Progress report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination HR/PUB/91/1

Workshop on the implementation of international human rights instruments and reporting obligations: Preparation of reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Moscow, 26-30 August 1991) HR/PUB/91/5

Teaching and learning about human rights - A manual for schools of social work and the social work profession HR/PUB/92/1

African workshop on international human rights standards and the administration of justice (Cairo, 8-12 July 1992) HR/PUB/91/6

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY SERIES

No. 1 Right to adequate food as a human right, by A. Eide (E.89.XIV.2)

No. 2 Elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief, by E. Odio Benito (E.89.XIV.3)

No. 3 Freedom of the Individual under law: an analysis of article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, by E-I. Daes (E.89.XIV.5)

No. 4 Status of the individual and contemporary international law: promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels by E-I. Daes, (E.91.XIV.3)

No. 5 Study on the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, by F. Capotorti (E.91.XIV.2)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Human Rights Newsletter

ABC Teaching of Human Rights

Human Rights: Questions and Answers

United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights

Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments

Human Rights: Status of International Instruments in the Field of Human Rights

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Introduction

1. As the Department that has primary responsibility for information activities, the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat coordinates and initiates public information activities for the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights and, as secretariat to the Joint United Nations Information Committee, promotes system-wide information activities in the field of human rights. The Department continues its multi-media approach to ensure the effective coverage of United Nations human rights activities as well as worldwide distribution of relevant information materials. During 1992 this work was increasingly oriented towards the preparations for the World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993 and the 1993 International Year of the World's Indigenous People.

2. In the 1992-1993 programme budget, the Department continues to have a mandate under the thematic heading of human rights. It also continues other mandated programmes in such related areas as social, cultural and economic rights; rights of specific groups; and other major issues including, inter alia, activities against apartheid, the question of Palestine, self-determination, decolonization and the advancement of women. The Department's related activities are regularly reported to the General Assembly and to other intergovernmental bodies under each specific area or issue.

I. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS DURING 1992

3. The multi-media approach of the Department in the field of human rights includes, inter alia, production of printed material, films, radio and television programmes, photos and exhibits; undertaking press coverage of all intergovernmental meetings on human rights; holding of press conferences and briefings; initiating contacts with the media; answering public inquiries; holding special events and other activities; collaborating with non-governmental organizations; utilizing the resources of the 67 United Nations information centres and services; and inter-agency co-productions.

4. It should be noted that most of these activities are not funded under the programme budget thematic heading of human rights (section 31.15) but under other sections of the programme budget.

5. Resources amounting to $206,000 were included in section 31.15 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 specifically for public information promotional services on human rights.

6. During 1992 activities undertaken included the commemoration of Human Rights Day; the production of print materials such as pamphlets, background material, booklets, feature articles, posters, logo sheets and brochures regarding the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights; outreach and liaison with the media and non-governmental organizations to promote the work of the organization concerning human rights; translations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; reprints and new language translations of human rights instruments; publication of the biannual subscription and sales publication entitled Objective: Justice and continued acquisition of documentation and development of reference services on human rights at the libraries of the United Nations information centres and services.

A. World Conference on Human Rights

7. The Department's programme for public information activities and information coverage aimed specifically at promoting the World Conference on Human Rights made significant progress during 1992. A separate budget of $400,000 has been allocated for these activities, including coverage of the Conference itself. The following activities have been undertaken as part of the public information campaign to promote the Conference:

(a) A pre-Conference illustrated brochure on the aims and purposes of the Conference (DPI/1273) was published in August 1992 in the six official languages plus German; 40,000 copies have been distributed so far;

(b) A multi-colour poster for the Conference (DPI/1226) was produced and distributed in July 1992 in the six official languages plus German; 21,500 copies have been distributed so far;

(c) A press information kit (DPI/1279) on human rights issues and United Nations efforts to promote and protect human rights -- within the context of the preparations for the Conference -- was distributed in time for the observance of Human Rights Day, 10 December 1992, in English, French and Spanish. It was aimed mainly at a select list of media and NGO organizations worldwide. More than 7,000 copies have so far been distributed and a reprint, with additional material, is under way. The contents of the kit include the following feature articles: "United Nations Mechanisms to Protect Human Rights" (DPI/1290), "Providing Human Rights Technical Assistance" (DPI/1274), "Human Rights and Development" (DPI/1275), "Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance" (DPI/1291), "Human Rights and the Girl Child" (DPI/1284) and "Eliminating Torture" (DPI/1292). Two reproducible photostats of the Conference logo design in all official languages is also contained in the kit. One half of the kit comprises materials on the International Year of the World's Indigenous People (see 13 (d) below);

(d) Because of the heavy demand, another information kit containing some new material is being prepared. This will be available in English, French and Spanish in April. One of the items for inclusion in this new kit, the agenda for the Conference, is already being distributed;

(e) A series of feature articles is being issued periodically within the United Nations Focus series (in English, French and Spanish), to cover in greater detail human rights issues and the issues before the Conference. These are targeted primarily at the mass media. Titles distributed so far include: "Ending Discrimination: A Fundamental Right" (DPI/1008); "International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families" (DPI/1112); "The Quest for Women's Rights" (DPI/1144); "List of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (DPI/1145/Rev.1); "Violence against Women in the Home, the Work Place and Society" (DPI/1174); "Changing the Status Quo, the UN's Work for Women" (DPI/1191); "Human Rights and the Family" (DPI/1203); "Apartheid: South Africa" (DPI/1281); and on women and human rights (DPI/1327);

(f) A black-and-white print public service announcement (PSA) has been developed, based on the design of the Conference poster, for free placement in magazines and newspapers. So far the ad has run in Atlantic and Human Rights Quarterly. A number of other publications, including Time, Newsweek, Readers Digest and Business Week, have copies of the ad to run as space permits. United Nations information centres have been requested to place it in local or regional print media and members of the United Nations family have been asked to publish it in their periodicals;

(g) A special eight-page supplement on the issues before the Conference and pre-Conference activities will be printed in the March edition of the periodical United Nations Chronicle, which appears in the six official languages. Additional copies of this supplement will be distributed separately to the media and NGOs worldwide in all six languages;

(h) A special edition of the publication Notes for Speakers will be available in April 1993 in English, French and Spanish. This reference tool is aimed at educators, NGOs and others who might be making presentations about the United Nations work in the field of human rights in connection with preparations for the Conference and contains succinct material suitable for quoting in speeches or lectures;

(i) Local information programmes are being carried out by selected centres among the network of 67 United Nations information centres (UNICs) and information services. These programmes include the organization at the national level of information activities to promote the Conference. Seed money has been provided to centres for these activities. (Further information on these activities is contained in section II.B below.);

(j) A series of eight special 15-minute radio feature documentaries in the six official United Nations languages is being produced within the Perspective series, to highlight the issues before the Conference. The series will be distributed in March 1993 to broadcasters worldwide;

(k) A number of UN in Action television programmes have been produced on human rights issues for use on the Cable News Network (CNN) weekly programme World Report, which is seen in 90 countries. The Department has also distributed these in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish to additional broadcasters worldwide;

(l) The half-hour television interview programme World Chronicle has interviewed the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights on preparations for the Conference and plans to interview other leading personalities in the field of human rights on issues associated with the World Conference;

(m) A series of television "spots" is being prepared for the Department on a pro bono basis by an advertising agency in Amsterdam for broadcast on SuperChannel, the London-based pan-European broadcaster. Another series is being prepared on a co-production basis with the Department by Citurna Ltda. in Colombia. These latter will be distributed by the producers to broadcasters throughout Latin America. Selected spots from both series will also be distributed through the Asia/Pacific Broadcasting Union and the Caribbean Broadcasting Union as well as to UNICs for additonal national distribution;

(n) Contacts have been made with a number of television networks in a variety of countries concerning human rights programming for broadcast before or around the time of the Conference. For example, SuperChannel has agreed to broadcast human rights programming throughout the month of June;

(o) The Department provided radio and press coverage of the African and Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory meetings and will undertake similar coverage of the Asian meeting to be held in March. Regular television, radio and press coverage is also being provided for all the Preparatory Committee meetings for the Conference. Plans for the Department to undertake press, radio and television coverage of the Conference itself are well advanced;

(p) The Department intends to hold a pre-Conference journalists' encounter at the site immediately before the Conference. All journalists accredited to cover the Conference will be invited to attend and they will be briefed on the main issues on the Conference agenda. No funding was provided in the special Conference budget for fellowships to bring journalists from developing countries to attend the Conference, but the Department will contribute $25,000 from its regular budget to assist journalists from developing countries, who would not have otherwise been able to attend, to cover the Conference.

B. International Year of the World's Indigenous People

8. Human Rights Day, 10 December 1992, was the launch of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. The Department responded to an enormous number of requests for information concerning the launch of the Year from the media, NGOs, educational institutions and individuals and continues to do so. The Department provided full press coverage of the opening ceremonies in the General Assembly Hall and provided to each of the 21 indigenous speakers a package of information material including a photograph, video and sound tape of the speaker's statement in the General Assembly. The Department continues to make available on request copies of the press releases, audio and video tapes and photographic coverage of the event.

9. On the evening of 10 December, the Department organized a special cultural event for the launch of the Year which featured indigenous musicians and dancers including: the Silver Cloud Singers, the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers and Spiderwoman Theatre, all from the United States; Mari Boine, a Norwegian Saami singer; Earth Savers, a Filipino

tribal dance company; Egon Sikevat, an Inuit drummer and singer from Greenland; Inca Son, an Andean music group from Peru; and Yothu Yindi, an aboriginal rock band from Australia. Buffy Sainte-Marie, an indigenous singer, was Emcée. More than 700 people attended the cultural event and the reception which the Department organized to follow. The event was co-sponsored by the Centre for Human Rights, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Environmental Programme, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The Governments of Australia, Canada, Greenland, Norway and the Philippines sponsored the travel of some of the indigenous performers. IBM provided a small grant for refreshments for performers during the afternoon rehearsals for the event.

10. The event was covered by the following media organizations: Associated Press, the New York Times, BBC-TV, CNN, WTN, New York 1, CBS, NHK, Univision, ORF Austrian Radio and TV, Monitor Radio, Danish TV, Norwegian Broadcasting Corp. TV, Global Vision, Fumisankei TV, Levande Bilder-Swedish Production TV, Sound Horizons Audio Video Inc., Sage Productions Inc. Video, White Buffalo Multi-Media, Wittenberg Productions Video, Clear Light Publishers, Greenland TV, Fuji Sankei TV, Kevin Biles Productions TV, Dragonfly Blue Productions, Video Sphere, Interlock Media Associates, Great Plains Productions Inc., New York University Video, Globo TV Brazil, ZDF TV Germany, ARD TV Germany and Black Beat. Still photographers covering the event included: Australian Magazine, Clear Light Publishers, KWIZ-FM Photo, LGI Agency, Star File Photo Agency, New York Post, Barry Morgenstein Photography, and Elle Magazine.

11. On 9 December the Department held a press conference concerning the launch of the Year which featured the Coordinator for the Year, Mr. Antoine Blanca, and three indigenous representatives. About 30 members of the news media attended.

12. On 11 December the Department was represented at an all-day meeting between United Nations agencies and representatives of indigenous groups and provided, for distribution in English and Spanish to all participants, a two-page summary of the services the Department could provide indigenous groups during the Year and a list of the information material available from the Department for the Year.

13. In addition to the above, the Department has undertaken the following activities as part of its public information programme to promote the Year. All these activities are funded from the Department's regular budget:

(a) A multi-colour poster on the Year (DPI/1238) was produced in July in all six official languages; 17,000 copies have so far been distributed;

(b) An illustrated brochure on the aims and purposes of the Year (DPI/1249) was produced in July in all six official languages; 90,000 copies have so far been distributed and a reprint is now under way;

(c) An illustrated brochure on the Voluntary Fund for the Year (DPI/1313) containing information on how to contribute to the Fund and how to apply for a grant was produced in English, French and Spanish in November. More than 7,000 copies have so far been distributed. Arabic, Chinese and Russian versions will be available shortly;

(d) One-half of the press kit for the World Conference on Human Rights (mentioned in paragraph 7(c) above) contained materials on the Year. In addition to the two brochures mentioned above, this material includes the following background material: "Who Are the World's Indigenous People?" DPI/1296, "Promoting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (DPI/1248), "Treaties, Agreements and Constructive Arrangements: Indigenous Peoples and the Legal Landscape" (DPI/1295), "Indigenous People and Self Rule" (DPI/1293), "Indigenous Peoples and Intellectual and Cultural Property Rights" (DPI/1283) and "Indigenous Peoples, Environment and Development" (DPI/1294). There is also a map entitled "Where Indigenous Peoples Live" (DPI/1316) and two reproducible photostats of the logo designsfor the Year in all official languages. All these materials are also being distributed separately. The kit was distributed in English, French and Spanish to all UNICs and field offices in time for the launch of the Year on 10 December;

(e) A black-and-white print public service announcement (PSA) has been developed, based on the design of the poster for the Year, for free placement in magazines and newspapers. So far the ad has run in The New Yorker and Cultural Survival. A number of other publications, including Time, Newsweek, Business Week, Atlantic and Readers Digest have copies to run when space is available. United Nations Information Centres have been requested to place it in local or regional print media and members of the United Nations family have been asked to publish it in their periodicals;

(f) A number of UN in Action TV programmes produced by the Department for CNN World Report and for wider distribution featured issues related to indigenous people. On 6 December CNN broadcasted a "Special Report on Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples" to which the Department contributed an item about the launch of the Year;

(g) The Department will mount a major photographic exhibition for the Year in the public lobby of the General Assembly building at Headquarters during the last three months of 1993;

(h) A number of special events featuring indigenous people are being planned by the Department in cooperation with United Nations agencies, such as with UNESCO for Literacy Day and with UNEP for Environment Day;

(i) A chapter of the special human rights edition of Notes for Speakers (see paragraph 7(h) above) will be on indigenous people and one programme within the special eight-part radio documentary series on human rights (see paragraph 7(j) above) will focus on indigenous people.

C. Other activities

14. Other printed information produced by the Department in 1992 included "Declaration of the Right of Peoples to Peace" (DPI/844/Rev.1); "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (DPI/993); "Convention on the Rights of the Child" (DPI/1101); "Decolonization: The Task Ahead" (DPI/1109) about Decolonization" (DPI/1170); "Life of the Palestinians under Israeli Occupation" (DPI1192); "For the Rights of the Palestinian" (DPI/1304).

15. The 30-minute documentary film on human rights entitled "New Horizons for Human Rights", which the Department completed in English in 1991, is now also available in Arabic, French and Spanish.

16. Two thousand copies of the teaching guide which accompanies the About the United Nations: The Rights of the Child educational video which the Department completed in 1991, were reprinted in 1992 and a Greek version was completed with the assistance of UNIC Athens. This video kit is available in English, French and Spanish to academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and speakers on the United Nations.

17. Reprints of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in the official languages of the United Nations and in selected local languages, as well as of other international human rights instruments will continue in 1992-1993.

18. In keeping with its role as coordinator of the public information activities of the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights, the Department submitted a number of proposals to the eighteenth session of the Joint United Nations Information Committee held at Rome in July 1992 concerning joint projects to promote the World Conference on Human Rights and the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. A number of these will be undertaken during 1993.

19. The Department's publications UN Chronicle and Yearbook of the United Nations continued their regular coverage of the work of the Commission on Human Rights, the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations bodies. Likewise, Development Forum and Africa Recovery, as well as Objective: Justice, continued to devote news and feature articles to human rights, particularly as they related to developing countries.

20. The Department frequently covered human rights issues in its weekly briefings at Headquarters for non-governmental organizations in 1992. Considerably more briefings were devoted to human rights issues in 1992 than the previous year, reflecting the growing prominence of human rights on the United Nations agenda. The briefings regularly attracted between 100 and 200 participants representing the 1,200 non-governmental organizations worldwide that are associated directly with the Department. Several briefings, such as the "25th Anniversary of the Covenants on Human Rights", "Engendering Equality", "Peace, Justice and Development: Ingredients for an Emerging World Order" focused on human rights directly and two were dedicated to the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. Others dealt with human rights in the context of issues such as the United Nations Development Report, the International Day of the Elderly, the World Development Report, emergency relief and humanitarian assistance, major economic and social issues, Day of the African Child, prospects for South Africa, update on the World Summit for Children, Palestinian refugees, AIDS, and Issues before the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, among others.

21. In addition to developing new information products about human rights and conducting regular briefings for non-governmental organizations and the media, the Department meets requests for documents and information material about human rights, develops contacts with the media, and cooperates with other United Nations offices and non-governmental organizations by participating in, co-sponsoring and/or organizing events.

22. The Department's Public Inquiries Unit received almost 4,000 requests for information on human rights in 1992 and the focal points on human rights and indigenous people in the Department's Communications and Project Management Division responded to numerous requests daily for human rights information and publications during 1992. The Dissemination Division of the Department distributed 273,000 copies of the Department's human rights publications in its bulk distribution and more than 500,000 additional copies by request during 1992. The Visitor's Service at Headquarters arranged for 83 briefings on human rights issues (including racial discrimination, women and apartheid as well as human rights in general) for a total of 2,709 visitors and arranged for 9 special film/video screenings for a total audience of 476 visitors. In addition, information on United Nations work in the field of human rights was given to around half a million visitors to United Nations Headquarters.

23. The Department regularly included information pertaining to human rights and related issues as part of its weekly radio programmes in official and non-official languages. More than 250 different items on human rights issues were produced as part of the Department's regular news programmes in a variety of languages for a total programming time of more than 23 hours. Human rights and related issues were also included in the Department's current affairs radio programmes, such as Perspective, a 15-minute weekly documentary programme which is broadcast by some 350 radio stations world-wide.

24. The Department's video and television programmes such as UN in Action and programmes produced for CNN World Report, which are seen weekly in more than 120 countries, also included human rights issues. World Chronicle, a weekly television programme produced by the Department, which is aired on over 150 channels around the United States and is regularly used by UNIC, especially in Brazil, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and Trinidad and Tobago, has featured guests prominent in the field of human rights.

25. During the past year the Department continued to give full press, radio and television coverage of the activities of the Organization concerning human rights, including the proceedings of all United Nations intergovernmental bodies dealing with human rights, such as the Commission on Human Rights and its various committees and working groups, the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Committee against Torture and the work of special rapporteurs. For example, the Department's Press Section issued 298 press releases in English and French on human rights issues, as well as 51 on apartheid, 38 on decolonization, 25 on racial discrimination and 46 on women. As in previous years, the United Nations Information Service at Geneva highlighted the work of the Commission on Human Rights and other human rights bodies meeting in Geneva. A report of the activities of UNIS Geneva is found in Section B below.

II. ACTIVITIES OF INFORMATION CENTRES AND SERVICES

A. United Nations Information Service at Geneva

26. Throughout 1992, UNIS continued to cover, through print, radio and audio-visual programmes, the proceedings of all United Nations intergovernmental bodies dealing with human rights which took place in Geneva. Over 12,000 publications on the general issue of human rights were distributed including 1,420 on racial discrimination, 60 on apartheid, 3,640 on children's rights, 1,400 on women's rights, 2,000 on the rights of indigenous peoples, 850 on torture and 4,000 on miscellaneous human rights subjects.

27. A total of 541 press releases (277 English, 264 French) on human rights questions were published. Copies of these releases were disseminated to the media and other targeted audiences. Approximately 100 press briefings, held twice weekly at UNOG, focussed on human rights issues in addition to special press conferences and interviews organized by the UNIS featuring human rights advocates and officials. UNIS also planned and organized specific events aimed at highlighting international days on human rights related issues.

28. Students attending the thirtieth Graduate Study Programme organized by UNIS in July 1992 for 66 graduate students from 44 countries, were briefed on United Nations action in the field of human rights. Discussions were also held on issues such as the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples, the rights of children, and the right to education.

3. Activities in support of the work of United Nations intergovernmental bodies dealing with human rights

29. As in previous years, UNIS at Geneva has highlighted the work of the Commission on Human Rights. In addition to the annual session meeting of the Commission on Human Rights, UNIS also promoted the two special sessions of the Commission on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (13-14 August and 30 November - 1 December 1992). The Department also publicized the annual session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities as well as the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia.

30. These forums required the accreditation of over 450 journalists, in addition to the permanent press accredited at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Issues and policies discussed at the various sessions were highlighted at 23 press conferences and selected officials appeared before the media to answer journalists' questions. In addition, 20 briefings for non-governmental organizations were held specifically on these meetings.

31. The meetings also received audio-visual coverage by UNIS, including television news packages transmitted through television agencies such as VIS News, WTN and CNN; miscellaneous audio-visual material provided for non-governmental organizations for use in their

public information programmes; production of radio news reports; production of radio interviews and floor recordings of the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission; and production recordings of meetings and press conferences.

32. Coverage of sessions of human rights treaty bodies was extensive during 1992. Press officer teams from UNIS covered, in English and French, meetings of the following expert bodies: Committee Against Torture - eighth and ninth sessions; Board of trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Population - Fifth Session; Human Rights Committee - forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions; Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; Special Committee on Israeli Practices in the Occupied Territories; Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Human Rights - second and third sessions; Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights- seventh Session; Commission of Experts Established Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 780 (1992); and the Committee on the Rights of the Child - Second Session.

33. Human rights activities were featured in the "Semaine Internationale/Weekly Review" prepared by the Service. NGO briefings with the Chairmen and Bureau members of these bodies were held regularly.

34. Over 500 press releases in English and in French were prepared by the Press Unit for dissemination at Geneva and elsewhere in the United Nations system. Press conferences were organized by the Information Service in connection with the work of all the above-mentioned expert bodies.

3. International human rights days and other special events

35. Two major commemorations were organized in 1992, to celebrate International Women's Day and Human Rights Day. Round table discussions marked both events. On International Women's Day 1992, which was observed on 6 March 1992, the panel included participants from several United Nations bodies and NGOs and focused on the theme "Human Rights: Advancing the Status of Women".

36. On Human Rights Day, 10 December 1992, a group of panelists, including the Director of the Centre for Human Rights and diplomats from the United States, Singapore, Cameroon and Colombia, made presentations on the subject of "Human Rights in 1993: New Frontiers" and discussed issues relating to this question.

37. Other activities in observance of special days included mounting documents, photographic and poster exhibitions; screening videos for various audiences; disseminating relevant information materials from Headquarters such as press kits, feature articles, background notes, press releases and official documents; organizing or assisting in events, meetings, public gatherings and briefings on human rights issues; and participating in seminars, panels and lectures for educational and other institutions.

D. Other Activities

38. The Information Service continued to represent the Department at special human rights meetings in Geneva, such as the Fourth Inter-Agency Meeting on Human Rights, the Technical Meeting on the International Year for the World's Indigenous People and the Third Inter-Agency Meeting on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples. UNIS has also been representing the Department at meetings of the Management Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights.

B. United Nations Information Centres and Services Worldwide

39. The network of 67 United Nations information centres and services also undertook special information activities in observance of Human Rights Day, inauguration of the International Year of the Worls's Indigenous People (1993) and other human rights events. Each centre received copies of the information kit on human rights and the indigenous people in time to distribute to media and NGOs prior to 10 December.

40. Many centres (including Asunción, Athens, Bogotá, Brazzaville, Bucharest, Dakar, Dhaka, Islamabad, Lagos, Lisbon, Lomé, Madrid, Manila, Rome, Sydney, Windhoek and Washington) reported extensive redissemination of the statement by the United Nations Secretary-General on Human Rights Day, which was distributed well in advance by the Department in print form and on video tapes and audio tapes to maximize its use throughout the world.

41. In Athens and Manila, statements pledging commitment to human rights were also presented by the respective Presidents of the Republics. In Bucharest, in addition to extensive media coverage, there were several meetings and symposia in observance of the Day attended by government officials, deputies, university professors, students, researchers, jurists, diplomats and UNIC staff.

42.In Dakar, the Day was celebrated in conjunction with the arts biennial which was dedicated to human rights "as tribute to the United Nations for its action in favour of the promotion of human rights all over the world" and marked by a huge ceremony on the island of Gorée, infamous centre of the slave trade.

43. In Islamabad, two leading daily papers, Muslim and News devoted full pages to Human Rights Day, publishing the material disseminated by the Centre. Other newspapers published the Secretary-General's statement which had been translated by the Centre into Urdu. In Lomé the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was printed in full in the national daily newspaper, Togo Presse.

44. In Madrid, considerable media attention was given to the premiere of a Canadian film production "Shadow of the Wolf" which UNIC organized to mark the opening of the International Year. The premiere was attended by its director, Jacques Dorfmann, the cast and high government officials, diplomats, media, NGOs and well-known personalities. In Rome, the Secretary-General's statement was translated into Italian and transmitted by Radio Vaticano, which broadcasts in 32 languages.

45. In Washington, D.C., the Centre co-hosted a reception for the Day with leading congressmen and Senators Kennedy and Kassebaum and attended by United Nations Under Secretary-Generals Eliasson and Grant. The latter, as head of UNICEF, called for unversal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

46. The Department also provided seed money of up to US$ 3,000 per centre to support outreach projects proposed by several information centres aimed at promoting the World Conference on Human Rights. Some of these projects are listed here, together with a sampling of centre projects carried out during 1992.

47. In Asuncion, the Centre worked with UNDP to organize an international meeting on the relevance of human rights to economic and social development on 24-26 November. Participants included the regional director for UNDP's Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, the UNDP Resident Representatives from Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua. and Peru, and as well as representatives of the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva, UNICEF, ILO, UNESCO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the local diplomatic corps. Organizers plan to submit the results of the meeting to the World Conference and prepare a brochure for local distribution.

48. The Bogotá Centre, together with the Colombian Presidential Council for Human Rights and the Centre for the Studies of Indigenous Languages of the University of the Andes, plans to translate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into two indigenous languages to be selected on the basis of the size and prominence of the group. The Centre also expects to organize a one-day seminar on the World Conference for journalists and NGOs in March at its premises. In May, it hopes to conduct a one-day seminar on the International Year for indigenous peoples, politicians, NGOs and media representatives.

49. in Bucharest, the Centre assisted the Romanian Association for Humanitarian Law and the Human Rights Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prepare a 421-page book containing the main United Nations conventions and documents concerning human rights. It also helped the Romanian Independent Society for Human Rights to reprint the ABC Teaching Human Rights in Romanian.

50. In Copenhagen, the Centre has arranged with the Danish Centre for Human Rights to reprint in full the Department's media kit on human rights and indigenous people in Danish. It is working closely with the Centre and other Danish NGOs to organize events and an information campaign around the World Conference and the International Year during 1993.

51. In Lagos, the Centre is planning a moving theatre production on women's rights in cooperation with the National Theatre to promote the World Conference. It expects to produce a video of the play for television broadcast in West Africa and possibly the rest of English-speaking Africa.

52. In Lisbon, the centre proposes to organize a seminar involving all the Portuguese government and non-governmental institutions active in the field of human rights. It hopes to reprint the Department's booklet "International Bill of Human Rights" in Portuguese for release at the

53. In Manila. aside from promoting extensive coverage of human rights and the International Year in the local press, the Centre's information officer also addressed the first Human Rights Intermediate Course of the National Council of Churches held from 3-6 November at Iloilo City. Participants included priests, pastors, lay ministers and church workers from the region. The course was designed to provide theparticipants with the fundamentals of paralegal techniques for filing complaints of human rights abuses and to be equipped to document actual cases of human rights violations in their own localities. The Centre provided the participants with copies of various human rights documents and during the workshops several United Nations films were shown, including "Doctors in the Sky", "Impossible Dream", "The UN for a Better Future" and others.

54. In Sydney, the Centre is organizing a one-day information seminar for the local NGO community in conjunction with the UNHCR and UNICEF offices in Australia as well as in Fiji. It may combine this event with a seminar to mark the International Year, due to the great interest in the Australian Aboriginal people.

55. The information centres continued to report their ongoing efforts to collect information about the work of the United Nation in human rights, to disseminate relevant materials from Headquarters such as information and press kits, background notes, press releases and official documents and to translate them into local languages, as appropriate; to organize or assist in events, meetings, public gatherings and briefings; to participate in seminars, panels and lectures for educational and other institutions; and to give interviews to local media.